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FOR REGIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER WILLIAM BROWN

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SUBJECT: MEDICAL EVACUATION OF NON-GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL

1. MICHAEL WEIST, AMCIT, DIRECTOR, CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES, SIERRA LEONE HAS SUFFERED WHAT BELIEVED TO BE VERY SERIOUS HEAD INJURIES IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT WHILE ON UPCOUNTRY TREK. WEIST PRESENTLY AT SERABU HOSPITAL NEAR BO IN CARE OF GOSL SURGEON. NO FIRM DIAGNOSIS YET AVAILABLE BUT EXPECT FURTHER INFORMATION BY 2000 HOURS TONIGHT.

2. LOCAL CRS OFFICIALS HAVE RAISED POSSIBILITY WEIST WILL REQUIRE MEDICAL EVACUATION AND HAVE ASKED WHETHER US MILITARY FLIGHTS AVAILABLE THIS PURPOSE. CRS OFFICIALS CONFIDENT THAT CRS WOULD PAY ALL EXPENSES AND ARE MAKING IMMEDIATE CONTACT WITH CRS NEW YORK TO CONFIRM THIS THE CASE.

3. ADVISE BY NIACT IMMEDIATE CABLE WHETHER EVACUATION BY MILITARY PLANE AT CRS EXPENSE POSSIBLE AND ADVISE STEPS REQUIRED TO EFFECT THESE ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD DIAGNOSIS WARRANT IT.
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